

TITLE

INCREASING CAROTENOID PRODUCTION IN BACTERIA VIA
CHROMOSOMAL INTEGRATION

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention relates to carotenoid overproducing bacteria
The genes of the isoprenoid pathway in the bacterial hosts of the invention
have been engineered such that certain genes are either up-regulated or
down regulated resulting in the production of carotenoid compounds at a
higher level than is found in the un-modified host. Genes that may be up-
10 regulated include the *dxs*, *idi*, *ispB*, *lytB* and *ygbBP* genes. Additionally it
has been found that a partial disruption of the *yjeR* gene has the effect of
enhancing carotenoid production.

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